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**IN THE
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PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Joshi et al.

CASE: 98125CP01

THREE-MONTH
EXTENSION OF TIME

SERIAL NO.: 09/649,563

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Dear Sir:

If any charges or fees must be paid in connection with the following communication, they may be paid out of our Deposit Account No. 50-0545.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136, Applicant respectfully requests an extension of the period in which to file the response to the Office Action mailed September 10, 2003, regarding the above-identified patent application, for an additional three months, from December 10, 2003, up to and including March 10, 2004.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136, Applicant respectfully submits that a response was originally required to be filed on December 10, 2003, a period of three months from the mailing date of the Office Action; that the above-identified patent

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application is not involved in an interference proceeding; and that Applicant herewith submits the three-month small entity Extension of Time fee of \$475.00, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(a).

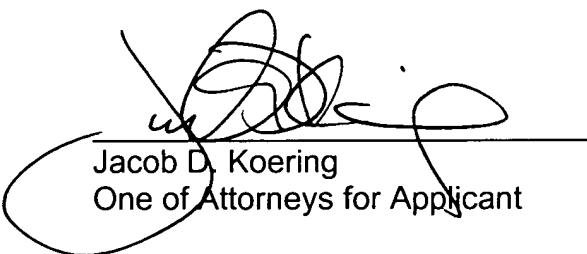
Applicant accordingly petitions for acceptance of the presently requested three-month extension of time.

Should anything further be required, a telephone call to the undersigned, at (312) 226-1818, is respectfully invited.

Respectfully submitted,

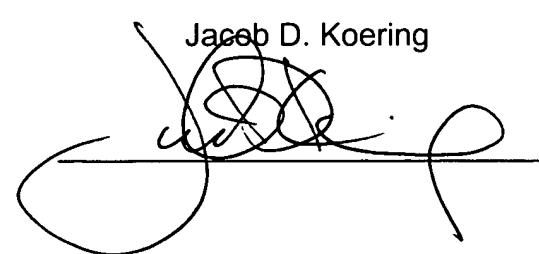
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